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STALIN DAM CONSTRUCTION SLOWED BY POOR LIGHTING

CRITICIZE BUILDING ENTERPRISE -- Sofia, Izgreiv, 14 Dec 50

Construction of the big Stalin Dam near Dimitrovgrad, connected with three power plants and numerous irrigation canals, is being very actively pursued by the hundreds of workers engaged at the project. However, the Khidrostroy State Building Enterprise is extending very poor cooperation. The electric system at the project has been out of service since May. The galleries and tunnels are illuminated by electricity from a single unit, which becomes overheated and stops operating for several hours every day, during which all work on the project has to be interrupted. Owing to these conditions, workers can excavate only a few cubic meters of rock and soil per day.

The workers' numerous requests for the delivery of 10-15 carbide lamps have been ignored by the Khidrostroy State Building Enterprise. Because of the shortage of lighting, work in the tunnels may have to be stopped altogether. The Khidrostroy supply department claims that no carbide lamps have been imported, and therefore their regular supply to projects cannot be continued. However, no attempts have been made to manufacture the lamps in domestic sheet-iron and stamping enterprises, although there is a sufficient supply of sheet iron throughout the country.

At present, workers can operate only a few hours a day in the dark tunnels, flooded by water, while only two lamps are provided for all the galleries. The same conditions may be assumed to prevail on other projects.

COMPLETE TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS AT RECLAMATION PROJECT -- Sofia, Izgreiv, 17 Dec 50

The technical installations at the Breshlyan reclamation project, have been completed, although excavation work is still under way. The pumping installation, the standpipe system, and several kilometers of concrete siphon tubing which have been completed by the young brigade workers at the project were heretofore considered too complicated for Bulgarian labor, and no skilled personnel was available for the assignment. However, the

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Stroyobedinenie (Construction Association) at Ruse entrusted the work to a group of young trainees, who have successfully completed the entire installation as of 12 December 1950. The brigade has now been dispatched to work at the Fertilizer and Maritsa 3 plant projects at Dimitrovgrad.

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